Order for the Worship of God
July 26, 2020
8th Sunday after Pentecost
11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Leader: In the midst of life’s confusion, God calls out to us, saying “trust in me, and I will make straight your paths. Follow my light, and I will bring hope to your life.”

All: So let us worship today in faith and commitment, ready to listen for Christ and to follow where he leads.

Leader: Let us worship God!

Handbell Quartet: Robert Wood, Stephanie Carson, Linda Feller & Pam Wood

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN #269 “Lead On, O King Eternal” LANCASHIRE

Lead on, O King eternal! The day of march has come;
hence forth in fields of conquest your tents shall be our home.
Through days of preparation your grace has made us strong,
And now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King eternal, till sin’s fierce war shall cease,
and holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace;
for not with swords’ loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums;
With deeds of love and mercy the heavenly kingdom comes.

Lead on, O King eternal: we follow, not with fears,
for gladness breaks like morning where’er your face appears;
your cross is lifted o’er us; we journey in its light.
The crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might!

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)

O God who travels with us, you know who we are. We long for life that is full and free. We long to know the truth, and we want to leave behind all the things that hold us back. We want to move forward in faith, but the way often seems fraught with problems and dangers. We stand in helpless fear before the complexities of our past and the hiddenness of our future. Stand beside us, gentle Christ. Walk before us, brave Jesus. Call us into life, Holy Spirit. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

VOLUNTARY “Gather Us In” arr. Mark Albrecht
Heather Wood, Clarinet
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

CALL TO OFFERING

HYMN #801
“The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want”
CRIMOND

The Lord’s my shepherd, I’ll not want;
he makes me down to lie in pastures green;
he leadeth me the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again,
and me to walk doth make within the paths of righteousness,
e’en for his own name’s sake.

Yea, though I walk in death’s dark vale,
yet will I fear none ill, for thou art with me;
and thy rod and staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnished in presence of my foes;
my head thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me,
and in God’s house forevermore my dwelling place shall be.

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING
Numbers 13:25-33 (NRSV)

SERMON
“The Grasshopper Syndrome”
Chris Curvin, Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

HYMN #815
“Give to the Winds Thy Fears”
FESTAL SONG

(stanzas 1&2)

Give to the winds thy fears; hope, and be undismayed.
God hears thy sighs and counts thy tears; God shall lift up thy head.

Through waves and clouds and storms God gently clears the way.
Wait patiently; so shall this night soon end in joyous day.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY
“Lead On, O King Eternal”
arr. David Cherwien

Stephanie Carson, Music Director
Tom Huffman, Organist & Associate Music Director
Lead On, O King Eternal!

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Not everything that looks like a battle ends up being one. This text, written for a seminary graduation, works well with its martial tune in the first stanza; but later stanzas turn from such imagery and focus on “deeds of love and mercy” and courage for life's journey.
The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want

(Psalm 23)

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2 My soul he doth restore again, and me to walk doth make
3 Yea, though I walk in death’s dark vale, yet will I fear none ill,
4 My table thou hast furnished in presence of my foes;
5 Good-ness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me,

in pastures green; he leadeth me the quiet waters by.
within the paths of righteousness, e’en for his own name’s sake.
for thou art with me; and thy rod and staff me comfort still.
my head thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.
and in God’s house forever more my dwelling place shall be.
Give to the Winds Thy Fears

1 Give to the winds thy fears; hope, and be undismayed.
2 Through waves and clouds and storms God gently clears the way.
3 Leave to God’s sovereign sway to choose and to command.
4 Let us in life, in death, thy steadfast truth declare, and publish with our

counts thy tears; God shall lift up thy head.
shall this night soon end in joyous day.
own God’s way, how wise, how strong God’s hand!
final breath thy love and guardian care.